April 30, 2017

ICARC NEWSLETTER

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1. Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
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3. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
4. Phil Kopczyk K3PJ
5. Joe Rankin KC3CDG
6. Larry Freeman N3LT

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

The general upgrade class is now over and we had a 100% pass rate. The third consecutive class with such a record. Maybe we are doing something correct! Personally, I think we just have excellent students! The results show that student and teacher dedication can achieve wonderful things! We now have 8 new general operators and 1 new Technician operator.

Would like to thank all instructors and VE's who participated: Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB, Terry Carnahan-KB3JOD, Bill Wieserman-K3ZYK, Fred Maize-KM3M, Bill McMillen-N3QM, Paul Morris-K3VAR, Larry Freeman-N3LT. Special thanks to Ernest Clark-FVX for the nice photos above and for the nice digital meters he gave everyone. Ernie was also one of the students in the class so he served double duty. We are especially thankful for and proud of all the students who made the class possible. Well done all!

OTHER LOCAL NEWS:

In addition to the radio class there was the MS Walk-a-thon held on Saturday, April 29, 2017. The turnout was a bit off from last years but the rain accounts for that. There were around 50 walkers although over 100 signed up for the event. Special thanks to Terry Carnahan for organizing ICARC participation with much equipment along with printed maps that detailed the route and assignment sites for each ICARC participants. Other ICARC members who participated are: Dave Dzelsky-N3DZ, Cassius Fitzgerald-N3FLO, Fred Maize-KM3M, Jerry Kiehl-WB3DUD, Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB, Ian Bigler-KC3DTE, Joe Rankin-KC3CDG, and Larry Freeman-N3LT. Also, Doug and Terry should be thanked for acting as the NET CONTROL STATION operators. All-in-all it was very successful even though the rain delayed the event a few minutes and possibly "dampened" (pun intended) the enthusiasm of the walkers a bit. A couple of photos that follow show the setup at the Indiana High School.

Also, we learned from Phil Kopczyk-K3PJ that David Fyock's Eagle Project is on the move with the tower being erected on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. All that needs to be done now is to attach connectors to the final run of cable into the building at the Weslyan Methodist School in Dixonville and setup the equipment.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 ICARC meets in the back room of Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant. The board meeting starts at 7:00 pm and the general meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Friday, May 5, 2017: Doug, Terry, and Larry plan to have the first meeting with Dan Blevins about the Crucible Walk in September.

Breakfast at the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant each Saturday starting at 8:30 am in the back room. Attentance has picked up a bit so that is good news for those of us who like to eat.

OTHER INFORMATION

Read about the April 4 meeting of ICARC in the meeting summary at the end of this document.

(If anyone would like to include information or write an article for the Newsletter please let Larry Freeman, know by email at: wd4hoz@gmail.com or wlf@auxmail.iup.edu) The only caveats are: The editor reserves the right to alter the format for publication purposes. The content may also be modified contingent upon accuracy and appropriateness of the contained material. The latter would, of course, be subject to the approval of the original author.

Summary of April 4, 2017 ICARC Meeting

Attendees:

Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB, President
Dave Steiner-W3CDH
Terry Carnahan-KB3JOD, Treasurer
Fred Maize-KM3M
Jerry Kiehl-WB3DUD
Denny Clark-KB3HZM
Ernest Clark-KC3FVX
Phil Kopczyk-K3PJ
Larry Freeman-N3LT

The board meeting started at about 7:00 pm but no business was transacted.

The regular meeting was called to order by Doug Fitzsimmons at about 7:30 pm.

Terry provided the financial report for March which was approved.
Net update: Terry directed the net Monday night. Need more volunteers to direct the net.

Old Business
License class finishes tomorrow (Wednesday) night with the exam. Those present expressed their appreciation to Terry for all the extra time he has put into getting the EMS center ready for each class and closing afterward. It is a significant responsibility that he has assumed on behalf of ICARC.

New Business
Terry also asked for volunteers for the MS walk event on 4/29/2017. Event officially starts at 2:00 pm but ICARC vols. Should be there at about 1:00 pm to help organize and set up. The route will be the same as last year.

Airport Festival June 10,11. Fred will bequeath the QSL's to someone else.
Some discussion of a committee for the event led to suggestion and motion that the entire club membership be the committee for all events. That motion was not approved.

Crucible Walk was discussed. It will be on 8, 9, and 10 of September. Doug will touch base with Dan Blevins in the future. A committee of Doug F., Terry C., and Larry F. . was formed for the initial discussions with Dan Blevins. One new development is that there will be an overnite for families at the Scorpion site.

Free tickets for the Breezeshooters (June 4) and Two Rivers (April 23) hamfests were obtained. The Breezeshooters were raffled off. Phil K. and Fred M. each won a ticket. There were no takers for the Two Rivers event.

Phil Kopczyk said that Dave Hunter of Johnstown announced that there would be a digital net on April 5 at 8:00 pm: some of the repeaters that may be involved are: Johnstown (145.39), New Germany (145.210), and Pittsburgh (145.290). The list may not be all inclusive.

There was $30.00 dollars donated.

This meeting was adjourned at about 8:15 PM